GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3532
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NOC FROM NLC
Meghwal Shri Kailash

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajasthan Government has urged the Union Government to do away with the obligation of obtaining NoC from the "Neyveli Lignite Corporation" for granting lignite mining lease to private sector entrepreneurs as there is no such provision in the rules;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to remove this practice; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) This issue, alongwith others, was raised by the Minister of Mines, Govt. of Rajasthan in a meeting with the Minister of State for Coal and Mines in New Delhi on 06.08.2004.

(b) & (c) Seeking NOC is not a matter of legal necessity. It is primarily an administrative provision to ascertain the intentions/plans of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation for lignite mining so as to avoid any possible clash of interests.